

COLORED WOMEN'S GENERAL BALLOU
UNIT C. OF N. D. BIG
BENEFIT JUNE 13
CONVICTS FUNSTON
THEATRE MANAGER

GIGANTIC PATRIOTIC MEETING
IN COLORED THEATRE—SPEAKERS OF
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
REPUTATION BRING ENTERTAINERS

High School Chorus Will Sing—Military
Marches—Dances—Colored Children
Will Sing—Dances—Children—Two Hundred
Sponsors and Two Hundred Vice Presidents
Outnumber Patriotic Entertainers

Following its preliminary appearance
meeting will be held in the Colored Women's Unit of the Council of National Defense

desires to inform the public that it has made definite arrangements for the entertainment to be given at the Colored Thespians

evening, June 13.

While not every detail is yet ar-

ranged, enough has been done to indi-

cate that the demonstration will

be in keeping with the magnitude of

the war and the importance of the in-

tervention.

There will be a brilliant military

display participated in by some of the

military units of the national govern-

ment and the various military orders

of the city. A chorus of

one hundred fifty pupils will be con-

tributed by the Samson High School.

Never before have so many entertainers

been gathered together in one place

for this purpose.

There will be two hundred vice-presidents

and two hundred sponsors.

Speakers of national and international

reputation will be secured, and will

be announced next week.

It is hoped and expected that by

the time of the meeting the magnitude

of this great undertaking

of the patriotic citizens and patriotic

organizations of the city will be known

entirely, so that the entertainment

as much shall be a success.

The fourteenth amendment of the

Constitution will be presented

as a part of the program.

When the first call was made for

the colored schools to march in the

May Day Parade, it was agreed

that all high schools would

march in one section, and all grade

schools in another. The motion was

carried, and the colored schools

and marching in ahead of the commercial

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DEMOCRACY

A Democracy is Founded Upon Equal Rights, Equal Duties and Equal Responsibilities For All Citizens.

AMERICA, WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Not good enough to be guaranteed the civil rights, which are the God-given inheritance of all American citizens; not good enough to receive the equal protection of the courts of America; not good enough to own and occupy decent dwellings on prominent streets and in choice neighborhoods; not good enough to receive the benefits of adequate educational facilities like other Americans; not good enough to be given sanitary transportation accommodations while paying the same fare as do other Americans; not good enough to sit beside in street cars and other public conveyances; but, good enough, thank God, to stand like men, and fight to the death against overwhelming odds, on a foreign soil for the protection of those who constantly deny them their civil and legal rights.

The above is the story of unsurpassed bravery and bulldog courage of Privates Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, who standing shoulder to shoulder in the midnight darkness of No Man's Land, somewhere in France, fought to defeat ten times their number, and who will, without a doubt be decorated for their bravery, by the French government, which knows no color line.

While a Negro man and his wife and two other Negroes were being lynched without a trial or jury, and another Negro was being hunted by mob in Georgia as if he were a wild beast, Privates Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts were giving their lifeblood in order that the members of the fastidious mob might be spared the curse of auto-cracy.

What will America do? What will be her answer? Will she stand idly and without treachery and see this camouflage of democracy continued in her own domain?

Will she not stand behind the fine morale of her Negro troops, by giving them the assurance that while they are in foreign lands fighting for America, America will insure the protection of their loved ones here at home?

"When men have been mistreated
And then go forth to fight,
For those who cruelly wrong them,
They are come, be they black or white."

There is no question of the American Negro's gameness, and his loyalty borders on the verge of fanaticism. How America can suffer such people to be unwarrantably mistreated, is beyond the imagination of other countries. America, what is your answer?

THE RED CROSS PARADE

Just who is responsible for the Colored children and their parents being humiliated in the Red Cross parade last Saturday we cannot say. We cannot believe that the parents would have allowed their children to take part in the parade under the auspices of the St. Louis Public Schools and allowed them to be forced to the tail end of the procession, of not only the St. Louis Public Schools, but such as the Parochial, Business County and even the East St. Louis Schools.

The moral effect upon a child can never be told. Such influences have a tendency to cover the youth and make them feel that their position in this country is that of inferiority. It engulfs the mind, which is the worst form of slavery.

Our school board has much to boast of in that we have fine buildings and equipment and teaching forces; but to sanction such acts as that of last Saturday is like the old saying, "climbing up two feet and falling back four." It should never occur again.

A democracy, not that I am as good as you; but, that you are as good as I am. —Emmett Scott.

SERVICE OF INTERCESSION

For the Blessing of God on the United States and Their Allies and especially on the Negroes of the United States. Will Be Held at All Saints Church, April 30.

Reverend Father D. R. Clark, Doctor of Divinity, President of Clark's, will be the principal speaker. Clark's, will be arranging a service of Intercession for Divine guidance for the United States and its allies and especially for the Negroes and the colored people in the present world crisis.

The meeting is to be held at the All Saints Church on Sunday evening, the 30th instant, at 8 p. m. Proceeding as large as possible at this unique service.

THE NEGRO SOLDIER

By W. Harold King

Dedicated to Privates Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, who defeated twenty-four Germans in "No Man's Land."

When you speak of the Negro soldier, it makes the blood run fast. It could courage record, but in all acts of the past.

When our country is in danger, it is first to volunteer. It is the last to hang, but the country calls.

When we are at war, he does not stop.

To think of the many wrongs, that takes his place with rimming face, In the ranks with our fighting strength.

He feels that God is with him, When he goes into the fight, And hopes that he who rules the world, Will some day make things right.

You talk about your heroes, And I talk about mine. But there is none more worthy of our praise. Than America's Negro son.

When a man has been mistreated, And then goes forth to fight For those who have cruelly wronged him, down.

He is going to be black or white. If black troops get a fighting chance, They'll march right into Berlin. Like they did up San Juan Hill.

All honor to the Negro soldier, May victory his portion be.

All hail the indomitable hero, Who is fighting for you and me.

When this great war is over, And the dove of peace draws nigh, We will all share in democracy, Or will the reason why.

ORPHAN HOME DAY A SUCCESS

The Orphan Home Dodge Managers were blessed with a perfect day last Saturday and probably the largest crowd that ever visited the home was out. The following statement has been made by the officers:

"Orphan Home Day on last Sunday was a splendid success, \$705.93 was collected. The amount is not yet in. It is estimated that there are some receipts yet to come in so that the total receipts will probably be no less than several hundred dollars.

The Orphan Home Dodge managers to thank the many who took part in making the day a success.

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